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ACROSS THE SAHARA BY CAR

The Bishop visits his desert diocese

An adventurous crossing of the Sahara Desert has recently been made by the Bishop in North Africa, Dr. Fred Morris. Much of the Sahara is in the Bishop's diocese of North Africa, but he has not visited it before, and this is an account of his journey.

ACCOMPANIED by his wife, the Bishop set out from Algiers by car. They were warned that their car must not be heavily loaded—but they were forced to carry 50 litres of water, 16 spare gallons of petrol, two heavy wire mesh mats, and camping equipment.

One ingenious piece of desert equipment was a kettle which boils in four minutes with only a handful of lighted paper placed underneath it.

From Algiers the track climbed through passes with fine roads leading into the desert. But once the paved roads had been left behind the car had to be kept on the sandy track which winds its way across the desert, marked every few hundred yards with small heaps of stones.

VISITORS BY NIGHT

The Bishop and his wife camped by night in the back of the car into which two small beds had been fitted. On the first night two strange figures approached the car and the Bishop and his wife could see their outlines clearly in the sharp moonlight. They walked round the car, but then silently crept away.

Climbing through the Hoggar Mountains, over 4000 feet high, the travellers saw ahead of them

PAINTING IN ICE-COLOURS

A set of 41 water-colour paintings of scenes in the Far North by the American Arctic explorer Colonel Balchen were recently exhibited in Northfield, Minnesota. These pictures have a special interest because of the difficulties under which they were painted.

Because of the intense cold, Colonel Balchen had to carry two sets of water colours and two plastic flasks of water inside his clothes, against his body. After painting rapidly for a few minutes with one set of equipment until it began to freeze, he would switch to the other while the first set melted out under his furs.

INDIA'S BIRD HOSPITAL

Delhi has a bird hospital where sick or injured birds can be treated. Nothing is charged for treatment, but there is one condition: when cured the bird must be freed.

Last year more than 5000 birds were admitted to the hospital.

a huge "camp" spread out at the foot of the hills. It had apparently been washing day in the camp, for all around the rocks were clothes spread out to dry.

The Bishop increased speed at this welcome sight. But as the car sped along the camp got farther away—finally fading into the heat haze. It was a mirage!

Nowadays, oases in the Sahara contain large, ramshackle dwellings where French-speaking Arabs and Sudanese can tell travellers where to get "Eau Bonne"—the vital supplies of water.

RESCUE SERVICE

At one oasis, SATT (the Society of the African Trans-Saharan Transport) runs a garage where cars crossing the desert are greased and serviced. A large deposit of money must be left with SATT in case they have to organise a rescue service.

On most days they encountered no one as the car purred steadily on through the heat and sand, and it was comforting to know that many miles behind a French lorry was following the same track.

The danger of running the car into soft sand was ever-present. When it happened the Bishop and his wife had to remove all the heavy gear from the car, dig away the sand engulfing the chassis, and jack up the car. They would then slip the two long wire mats underneath the wheels, accelerate—and hope the wheels would "bite."

OVERDUE

After a week's motoring the Bishop and his wife reached Tamanrasset, the most southerly point of the North African Diocese. From there they headed for the oasis of In Guezzam, where the French official told them they were three days overdue, and that he had been warned to set out to look for them.

After that they were able to make better time, for the road now had a hard surface.

One day, as they ate their lunch in the shade of a thorn bush, three Tuareg men watched them in silence. After a while they laid their goatskin of milk before the Bishop and Mrs. Morris as a sign of friendship.

Eighteen days after they had left Algiers the Bishop and his wife arrived in Kano, Nigeria. Their journey was over. The Bishop had crossed his desert diocese.



NOT ALL HONEY

A private hospital in Perth, Western Australia, has successfully nursed a huge colony of bees. High up in the cavity wall of one of its chimneys two bricklayers recently discovered a honeycomb seven feet long.

At no time had bees threatened either staff or patients, but it was a different story when the bricklayers started taking down the old chimney. The bees were angry—very angry—and though the two bricklayers donned gloves and veils for their task they quickly found themselves in the casualty ward being treated for innumerable stings.

Before the old chimney could be demolished four officers of the Department of Agriculture had to organise a concerted attack on the bees with poison gas from a nearby roof.

Model pupils

Balancing books on their heads to improve their deportment is one of the exercises for these girls training to become mannequins at a school in Hove, Sussex.

SHOP THAT NEVER CLOSES

Stockholm has a new shop that never closes, night or day.

It has no shop assistants, for everything is supplied automatically. From 200 compartments, by inserting the right coins, it is possible to buy all kinds of goods from coffee and vegetables to electric light bulbs and soap.

During the first weekend the automat shop was open there was a constant queue of people waiting to buy something they had forgotten.

FIBRES FROM GERMS!

Textile technologists have produced synthetic fibres from many unusual materials in recent years. Seaweed, chicken feathers, eggs, milk, and coal have been employed in producing man-made fibres.

Now, from Leeds University, it is reported that a few minute fibres have actually been made from pneumococci—the germs which cause pneumonia. The process is a most complicated one, however, and quite unlikely to become a commercial proposition.

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PARLIAMENT HAS BIG TASKS AHEAD

CN Press Gallery Correspondent

Up to the time of Parliament's return last week the Government had brought in all but a few of the Bills foreshadowed in the Queen's Speech of November 3.

One of the exceptions is "further legislation to improve road safety and promote the orderly use of the roads," for so crowded is the Parliamentary timetable in this third month of the third session that room could hardly be found for such an important measure, and it was not firmly promised for this session.

Two other measures which have already passed through an extensive process of "white papering" and debate should be on the Statute Book by the end of this session. One is to set up an Atomic Energy Corporation; the other will create a corporation to supervise competitive television.

Responsibility for atomic energy has already been transferred from the Minister of Supply (Mr. Sandys) to the Lord President of the Council (the Marquess of Salisbury). The Bill will define the duties of the new corporation under Sir Edwin Plowden, and the new body will be answerable to Parliament through Lord Salisbury.

TV ADVERTISING

When the television corporation comes into being it will have power, at first, to use a limited amount of public funds to provide some stations and equipment. These will be hired to programme companies. The programmes they devise will include advertising items, and the companies will draw their revenue from advertisers.

In this way the BBC's monopoly of television will be broken, and viewers—when their sets are adapted—will be able to switch to an alternative programme in the same way that listeners can switch to another radio programme.

Both those who offend against the law and those who administer the punishment will be the subject of important debates. Parliament is anxious to examine the report, published last September, of the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment.

Altogether the Commission made about 80 recommendations

or suggestions. Of these the most controversial would permit a jury in a murder trial to decide whether the accused, on conviction, should suffer a lesser penalty than death.

Under a new Bill, 79 Assize and other judges—including the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Justice—will receive various salary increases. The main rise will be £3000 a year less tax.

CRITICISED BILL

This Bill replaces one which was withdrawn last session after criticism that a proposed tax-free increase of £1000 a year was not in line with established practice in other walks of life.

The new Bill shows how heavy is the burden of modern taxation. Money was worth much more when the salaries of 39 Assize judges were last fixed at £5000. That was in 1832, and they are at that same level today. When the new Bill becomes law a judge, at the present surtax level, will get only a net £734 of his £3000 increase.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS

Apart from all this—and much more—Government legislation, the Commons is now entering upon a busy period for Private Members' Bills. A number of these propose useful amendments of the law, notably Mr. Arthur Moyle's "Dobbin Bill"—as it might be called—to ensure that horses and other farmyard animals are humanely treated at the slaughterman's.

Departmental estimates are now also coming along. There will be a series of debates on these, to say nothing of the periodical reviews of foreign and economic affairs.



At a Polish school in England

A national dance display by some of the 200 Polish girl pupils of the Ignace Paderewski Grammar School, a converted U.S. Army base near Huntingdon.

An African's devotion

Well won indeed is the George Medal awarded to an African grandfather, a man of 62 who, to save his master, jumped on a wounded lion's back armed only with a six-inch knife.

He is Saidi Bin Juma, a watchman on Mr. A. de Beer's farm in Tanganyika.

Saidi went with Mr. de Beer and his son-in-law, Mr. Ras, to track a lion that had killed a hartebeeste on the farm. They caught a glimpse of the marauder at its meal in a wheatfield, and Mr. de Beer took a chance shot. But he only wounded the animal, and it immediately charged, knocking him down, and seized his head.

Mr. Ras dared not fire, for he could not see where to aim in the thick, tall wheat and he was, of course, afraid of hitting his father-in-law.

ON THE LION'S BACK

Saidi then proceeded to jump on the animal's back, grabbing its ears to try to drag it away from his master.

At that the lion rounded on him savagely and bit his leg.

Mr. de Beer was now lying unconscious and the beast attacked him again. Although severely injured, brave Saidi staggered forward and once more got on the lion's back, stabbing at its throat with his knife.

At last Mr. Ras was able to take aim and kill the lion.

Mr. de Beer, alas, died of his injuries later, and Saidi Bin Juma was taken to hospital.

It is a story of his supreme courage and devotion that will long be remembered in Tanganyika.

TATTOO FOR LEEDS

Before the outbreak of war in 1939, the Northern Command Military Tattoos staged at York or Leeds formed one of the most spectacular events in the North of England.

After a lapse of 15 years, the Tattoo will again be staged—at Leeds from June 28 to July 3. The great natural amphitheatre in Roundhay Park will form the beautiful setting for the spectacle, which, on previous occasions, attracted crowds of over 100,000.

PRESS-BUTTON GARAGE

A newly-introduced garage swings its doors open at the touch of a button, and so makes it possible for the owner to garage his car without having to leave the driving seat.

He merely has to lean out and turn a key in a switch inserted in a gatepost at the entrance to the drive.

BRIDGE TO BUS SHELTER

Stones used by Cistercian monks over 600 years ago in building Mathersey Bridge, near Retford, will still serve a useful purpose even though the bridge itself recently collapsed. Nottinghamshire County Council has given them to the local parish council for a bus shelter.

News from Everywhere

DIAL FILE

London is to have a telephone exchange named Fleet Street.

Last year, for the first time on record, no deaths resulted from diphtheria in the London County Council area.

Since the census of June 1951, Canada's population has increased by 996,000.

Lending a hand



Repainting the wall of his home at Wallsend-on-Tyne is three-year-old William Siddie.

The Royal Aeronautical Society has purchased a collection of aircraft dating from 1910 to 1918. They will form the nucleus of a national air collection.

SHILLING FOR THE WILLING

Girl Guides at Spalding, Lincolnshire, are organising a "Shilling for the Willing" week.

Some 25,000 children in the Sheffield district saved nearly £60,000 last year—an average of almost £2 10s. each.

Lake Gourikund, on one of the high slopes of Mount Kailas, Tibet, is reported to be running dry. It was formed by a natural dam of ice block which is now melting.

OUTSIZE APPLE

After 17 years of experimenting a Swedish scientist has grown an apple weighing two pounds.

Goats have been blamed for damage to mountain tree plantations in Lebanon, so a Bill to curtail their numbers has been drawn up.

Jig-saw puzzles are to be provided for children in libraries at Camberwell, South London.

When an American farmer moved to a new home not long ago he took with him three maple trees which he had planted 38 years previously.

Canadian Government geologists believe that the biggest oil reservoir in the world lies beneath the salt domes in Canada's Arctic islands.

The Republic of China has rejoined the International Civil Aviation Organisation, from which it withdrew in 1951.

LONE CLIMB

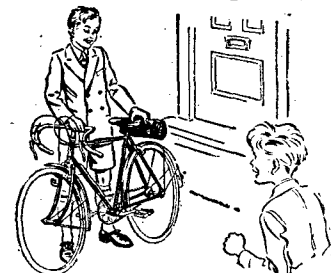
A lone climber, Alejandro Cassis, has scaled 23,081-foot Mount Aconcagua, highest peak in the Andes. He brought back documents left by an earlier expedition.

New fireproof clothing has been invented in Austria. Made from a material called Tempex, it is coated with a silvery metal which reflects back heat rays.

New rolling stock for British Railways this year includes 2750 passenger train vehicles, 53,000 freight wagons, and 325 locomotives. This is a considerable increase on last year's additions.

Lanhydrock House, near Bodmin, Cornwall, with over 350 acres of park and woodlands, has been presented to the National Trust by Viscount Clifden.

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REFUELLING AT SPEED

To speed up the refuelling of British jet fighters, a new system of pressure-refuelling is being introduced which will take only a quarter of the time needed for this operation at present, writes the C.N. Flying Correspondent.

Planes like the Hunter and Swift will be able to land, fill up their tanks, and take off again, all within five minutes.

This has been made possible by arranging the tankage system on these planes so that a pipeline carries an equal quantity of fuel to all the tanks in the aircraft.

Fuel now flows into these fighters at the rate of 200 gallons a minute as compared with 60 gallons a minute in the Meteor. The old-fashioned dip-sticks, still in use by ground crews to check the contents of each tank, will disappear with the introduction of these aircraft. When their tanks are replenished an indicator light in the cockpit will flash "Tanks Full."

BUSY WITH THE BOOK OF BOOKS

England is the foremost country in the world for Scripture publication; and the good work keeps 12 prominent presses constantly busy.

Last year the British and Foreign Bible Society published the Scriptures for the first time in 45 languages: 12 languages in Africa, five in South America, 15 in Asia, and 13 in Oceania.

In December alone the Society printed 365,000 Bibles in six different languages.

MILK FROM BEANS

Because cow's milk is not available in sufficient quantities to meet the needs of Indonesia's children they are shortly to start drinking soya-bean "milk."

In co-operation with the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (F.A.O.), the Government of Indonesia is setting up a factory capable of producing 300 tons of dried soya-bean milk a year.

PRIZE FROM THE QUEEN MOTHER

Eighteen-year-old Mollie Hammond has won the prize awarded by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother each year to the girl who is considered by her fellow pupils to have given most service to King's Lynn High School.

A former head girl of the school who is now studying history at Nottingham University, Mollie Hammond was received by the Queen Mother at Sandringham House and presented with the prize—the Oxford Book of English Verse, bearing the Queen Mother's signature and the royal monogram.

BRAVE BOYS

EDWARD HARDY has been presented with the Boys' Brigade's highest award—the Diploma of Honour. While on holiday at Rhyl last summer, Edward dived into a lock to rescue a 14-year-old boy.

Edward, who is 15, belongs to the 40th Manchester Company's Boys' Brigade and is a scholar of Salford Grammar School.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Stephen Hobster Fraser, of Aberdeen, is the holder of the Bronze Cross, Medallion, and bar of the Royal Life Saving Society. He has now been presented with the Royal Humane Society parchment for saving a boy's life in the River Dee last June.

THE OLD SHARK

Visitors to the Fossil Fish Alcove of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, can now see a fierce-looking set of shark jaws that are 25 to 50 million years old.

The jaws, which measure nine feet across, are a plaster restoration of a giant shark that hunted most of the oceans of the world in the middle and late Tertiary period.

COUNTING SHEEP

A livestock census on Welsh farms has revealed a record number of sheep (3,900,000) and a record number of cattle (1,041,886).

The total of 274,000 pigs was the second highest ever recorded.



On the concert platform

Eileen Joyce, the famous pianist, took part in a recent concert given by the London Schools Symphony Orchestra. Here we see Miss Joyce with some young members of the orchestra during rehearsals.

AS SEEN FROM OUTER SPACE

An enormous model of the Earth, now being installed at Wellesley, Massachusetts, will enable visitors to see how our planet would appear to a spectator 5000 miles out in space.

Built to a scale of 24 miles to an inch, this steel globe weighs 21 tons and is balanced on a six-ton shaft.

Every continent, country, and important physical feature is clearly shown. Two electric motors rotate the globe on its axis and revolve it on a movable carriage to reproduce the movements of the Earth. Floodlights and spotlights represent the rays of the Sun.

TO PIONEER AIRMEN

The Isle of Sheppey, off the coast of Kent, is to have a memorial to pioneer airmen. It will take the shape of a long, curved wall with a sculpture of Zeus, god of the heavens, in the centre.

The marshes between Leysdown and Shellness were chosen in 1909 by the Short Brothers as the site for their experiments because they were clear of obstacles.

During the winter, however, it was found that the land often became waterlogged, so factory and sheds were transferred to nearby Eastchurch, and there the memorial will be built.

ASTRIDE THE OLD WEATHERCOCK

Well over 100 people in Kidlington, Oxfordshire, can claim that they have stepped over, or sat on, the weathercock surmounting the lofty spire of their church.

They each paid 6d. for the privilege when the weathercock was brought to earth during repairs to the spire. The result was three guineas for the restoration fund.

OLD NEW POTATOES

Potatoes and onions, once dug up, can be prevented from growing old by a new chemical which is sprayed onto the land before harvesting. Potatoes, it has been found, will keep at least one year without sprouting after such treatment.

NEW YORK'S FIRST CIVILISATION

Members of the American Anthropological Society have been told that Northern New York was the home of an ancient people some 4400 years ago.

Dr. William A. Ritchie, New York State archaeologist, told members of the society at their annual meeting in Tucson, Arizona, that he believed that people moved into New York State from Canada and developed the most advanced civilisation north of Mexico.

They apparently devoted much time to the care of their dead. Near Brewerton on the Oneida River he had himself discovered 22 pots containing bones and ashes that had probably been buried with much ceremony.

HEAT FROM SMOKE

Chimney gases and similar waste fumes can be made to "burn" without flame, but generating useful heat, if they are passed through a new product known as a "catalytic brick." The brick also purifies the smoke and reduces air pollution.

The brick, which is the shape and size of an ordinary brick, is composed of a large number of porcelain rods, each coated with a mixture of alumina and platinum alloy.

It is expensive, but for industry, at least, it is calculated that the cost will be more than offset by the use which can be made of heat generated from waste fumes.

Costumes of Europe in Wool

The Department of Education of the International Wool Secretariat announces a new set of twelve wall sheets of exceptional distinction and value. Specially painted by two well-known artists, Edward Mortelmans and Dawson Thomson, the pictures illustrate costumes of twelve European countries, shown against a characteristic background in each case.

The pictures are in full colour and of great artistic merit. Each is accompanied by a concise teaching note, in which details of the costumes are supplemented by information concerning their origin and the circumstances in which they are worn today.

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At the Children's Zoo

With the Children's Zoo closed until later in the year, Supervisor Maureen McVady, riding The Rook, and Assistant Supervisor Iris Daley are able to give all their attention to the various animals.

The CN Film Correspondent says that . . .

THE BAND WAGON ROLLS GAILY

THE Band Wagon, latest in a long line of film musicals from Hollywood's MGM studios, has a song-hit called "That's Entertainment."

"That's Entertainment" is my verdict on the film, too.

Take five stars, songs with melody and rhythm, some beautiful dancers, and a light-hearted back-stage story which gently laughs at all back-stage stories; then give them all to a director

appear as outsized triplets in baby clothes; and the spectacle of Fred Astaire and Jack Buchanan dancing together in a top-hat-white-tie-and-tails routine that has an ending I will not spoil by revealing.

Jack Buchanan and Fred Astaire have both passed the half-century, but you would never think so on seeing those dancing feet and swinging legs. But the keynote of The Band Wagon is gaiety and



Fred Astaire, Nanette Fabray, and Jack Buchanan in their amusing Triplets number

named Vincente Minelli, and add Technicolor. That was the successful recipe for The Band Wagon.

The stars? Fred Astaire, that wily dancer with the quirky voice and the sad smile; our own Jack Buchanan, tall and elegant, delightfully crazy and also a fine dancer; Cyd Charisse, a lovely ballerina; Nanette Fabray, a new girl with charm and style; and Oscar Levant, that sad-faced comic with the whiplash wit.

They make a team that keeps this film in sparkling form for two hours.

The story? It is a back-stage one with a new twist. The great producer, a wild genius played by Jack Buchanan, takes up a film actor who has left Hollywood as a falling star and insists on producing him in a mammoth "arty" version of a simple story written specially as a come-back for him by two friends, played by Nanette Fabray and Oscar Levant.

Jack secures the great ballerina Gaby, played by the dark, long-legged Cyd Charisse, for this incredible production. No expense is spared.

But the show is an awful flop on its first night! So the eager cast takes it over, led by Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse. They tell producer Jack that they are going to turn it into a gay, light-hearted comedy. And Jack joins them as a song and dance man! Finally they triumph on Broadway.

It is all very simple, but on the way we have an enchanting dance number in New York's Central Park by Cyd Charisse and Fred Astaire; a riotously funny number in which Fred, Jack, and Nanette

youthfulness. It is one of those fun-to-be-alive films.

YOU may be able to catch an unusual film which is not being released by the big cinema circuits for reasons that are not very clear, for it is certainly a good film.

It is called The Juggler, and its star is Kirk Douglas, giving in the view of many people the best performance of his life. He plays the part of a man from a European prison camp who comes to the new State of Israel. Before the last war and the camps Kirk was a famous Continental juggler.

He has an understandable fear of police and officials, and this soon gets him into conflict, quite needlessly, with the Israeli police.

On the run he is befriended by an Israeli boy, played excellently by Joey Walsh. With these two and a new Italian star called Milly Vitale we get fascinating glimpses of Israel, its people and its problems. It all builds to a terrific climax before the Juggler finds peace of mind again. See this film if you can.

OLD MAUNDY MONEY

Four pieces of Maundy Money dating from the reign of Charles II have been found in the demolished servants' quarters of the Saracen's Head Hotel at Daventry, Northants.

One of the coins, a fourpenny piece, is slightly smaller than the present-day sixpence; the three-penny piece is about the size of the now-obsolete silver threepenny bit; the twopenny and penny coins are even smaller than our farthing.

It happened this week

QUEEN ISABELLA SEIZES POWER

JANUARY 25, 1327. King Edward II is today a prisoner in Kenilworth Castle. His reign has ended.

The forces of his consort, Queen Isabella, have triumphed, and with the support of the barons and people she has deposed her husband.

It is by her orders that the 42-year-old Edward has been imprisoned in this Warwickshire stronghold.

Since Queen Isabella returned from France last year and opened her campaign against her husband, she has been assisted by Roger Mortimer and many barons eager to see a change in the nation's affairs, and the end of the reign is greeted with pleasure on all sides.

While the power of England declined after the death of his father, Edward II filled his court with dissolute favourites, including his foster-brother, Piers Gaveston. He spent hours playing pitch-and-toss with such persons as the Groom of his Chamber, and showered gifts on many worthless characters.

Edward II will be succeeded by his 14-year-old son Edward, who was in France with his mother, and it is expected that the campaign against the Scots will be revived.

(King Edward II was later brutally murdered at Berkeley Castle, whither he had been taken from Kenilworth. Isabella and Mortimer ruled the country until 1330, when the young King Edward III exerted his power, executed Mortimer and imprisoned his mother for the rest of her life.)

DEATH OF PETER THE GREAT

JANUARY 28, 1725. One of the most extraordinary men who ever visited this country died today in Russia—the Czar Peter.

His friend, the great French philosopher, M. Voltaire, says of him: "He gave polish to his people yet was himself a savage; he taught them the art of war of which he himself was ignorant, and after seeing only a small boat on a river in Russia he built a powerful fleet and himself became an expert sailor and commander."

Twenty-seven years ago he paid a four-month visit to England to study shipbuilding. King William III sent three English ships to bring him and his entourage, but the Czar's request to be treated as a private gentleman while in England was granted.

Peter's arrival was not even reported in the official London Gazette, and instead of staying in a Palace, he resided with his suite in a house in Buckingham Street, near Charing Cross. After a month there he moved to the home of the diarist, Mr. John Evelyn, in Sayes Court, near Deptford dockyard, where he could continue his study of ships.

On returning to Russia Peter took with him nearly 500 Dutch and English shipbuilders.

ON THE AIR—By Ernest Thomson, our Radio and TV Correspondent

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES FROM EUROPE

NEXT June will see the start of international TV on a big scale, with six European countries combining for a week of programme exchanges.

BBC officials, including TV Programme Controller Cecil McGivern, have this month been in Paris meeting their "opposite numbers" in the TV services of France, Belgium, Denmark, Western Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. It is hoped that "Eurovision" week will include the world football championships in Switzerland.

The BBC is planning to stay on the European vision network for a further week in July to take televised operas and other programmes from Italy.

Technical arrangements are expected to be even more effective than during the famous TV relays from Paris in 1952. Fewer "boosters" will be used. It is hoped to span the distance between Wrotham, Kent, and Lille in one hop, cutting out intermediate stations at Dover and Cap Gris Nez.

Period piece

TV's Saturday-night serial usually deals with crime, so it will be a welcome change on February 6 when Joy Harington, "lent" by Children's TV, produces Clementina.

This is a serial thriller in period costume, the first of its kind, running to six instalments. Adapted from A. E. W. Mason's historical novel, it takes us back to the year 1719 when James, the Old Pretender, had escaped to Rome.

He wishes to marry Clementina, a Princess of Poland, and the story tells of the exciting adventures of the hero, Wogan, in a dash across Europe to bring the Princess to Italy. There are fights in the Alps and many hairbreadth escapes before the Princess is finally won.

Aboard the Cutty Sark

CUTTY SARK, even in these days of speed, is a name to stir the blood with memories of the sailing clipper races with tea and wool from China and Australia.

Fastest and most beautiful of all the clippers, Cutty Sark is to be preserved - at Greenwich as a tribute to the Merchant Navy, but just now she awaits repair off Greenhithe. In TV's London Town this Friday (January 29) viewers will go aboard with Richard Dimbleby to meet Captain Charles Irving, who sailed in her in the 80's.

In up-to-date contrast, the programme will include a visit to Charlton football club during a training session.

For football fans

THE whole of the England v. All Blacks Rugby match at Twickenham next Saturday (January 30) will be televised, with commentaries by Peter West and Michael Henderson. Home Service listeners will hear descriptions

by Rex Alston and Winston McCarthy.

The F.A. Cup Final at Wembley Stadium on May 1 will be broadcast and televised from start to finish.

To see the Queen

MILLIONS of people have travelled great distances to see the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their Commonwealth tour. In To See the Queen, a serial story beginning in Children's Hour on February 12, we can hear how three boys and two girls ride 100 miles on ponies from the Australian "outback" to see the Queen's train as it passes a lonely signal box.

All sorts of adventures come their way; they are nearly drowned in a flooded river and have to run from a bush fire.

Ann Shead, who wrote the story and will read it, tells me she based it on her own experience in 1927 as a little girl in Australia. She was picking blackberries when a train passed carrying the late King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, then Duke and Duchess of York.

Story time

SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER, the distinguished British actor, introduces each of 16 famous short stories to be heard weekly in the Light Programme, beginning next Tuesday (February 2) at 8 o'clock.

These dramatisations of works by such authors as Joseph Conrad



Sir Laurence Olivier

and Robert Louis Stevenson were prepared by the National Broadcasting Company of America. After hearing the records played, Programme Controller Kenneth Adam told me he believes British listeners will enjoy them as examples of American radio at its best. There are no advertisements!

Guest artists include Sir Ralph Richardson, Robert Donat, and Michael Redgrave.

What did you enjoy?

WHAT was your most enjoyable programme in Children's TV in 1953? Check your opinion with the majority vote next Saturday (January 30) when the Daily Mail award is presented during the Children's programme. Panels of judges have been sifting votes since June in centres throughout Britain—Glasgow, Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, and London.

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HANDWRITING IN ROMAN BRITAIN

One of our leading authorities on Roman Britain, Professor I. A. Richmond of Durham University, has deciphered a letter written by an employer to his staff in London, probably 1900 years ago.

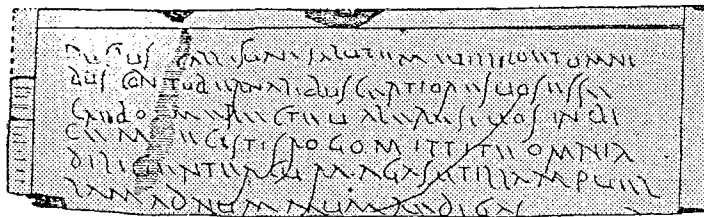
The letter was inscribed on a tablet which was found with two others in the bed of the Walbrook in the City. They were given to the Professor by a Harrogate man who had acquired them in a sale-room as part of a miscellaneous lot which had formerly belonged to a well-known antiquary. Professor Richmond has since presented them to the British Museum.

The letter was written in cursive script on a wax-covered wooden tablet measuring just over five inches by one and a half. The

wax with which it was originally coated has, of course, disappeared, but the stilus (pen) used by the writer penetrated the wax and left impressions on the wood, and it is these (shown in the picture here) that the Professor has deciphered.

Writing in the Antiquaries Journal he says that the tablet shows the word LONDINIO, and that the letter continues: "Rufus, son of Callisunus, greeting to Epillicus and all his fellows. I believe you know I am very well. If you have made the list, please send. Do thou look after everything carefully. See that thou turnest that slave-girl into cash."

The handwriting is good, the Professor says, and he explains that the letter is a series of instruc-



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tions as from a master to a responsible servant and his fellow-slaves (contubernales). It affords an interesting sidelight on Celtic society conducting its daily business in Latin. The servant's name, Epillicus, is Celtic, and the master, Rufus, and his father, Callisunus, were also Celts.

Rufus's instructions to his staff may have been concerned with the realisation of an estate, and the list referred to was probably an inventory on which they had all been working.

Thinking that perhaps some of our readers who are students of

Latin may like to try their own hand at translating the letter, we give the text here:

*Rufus callisuni salutem epillico et omni
bus contubernaliibus certiores vos
esse
credo me recte valere si vos indi-
cem fecistis rogo mittite omnia
diligenter cura agas ut illam puel-
lam ad nummam redigas . . .*

No prizes are offered for translations, or punctuation; but we are offering prizes for good handwriting; full details are given in the announcement below.

The liveliest of lending libraries

One of the busiest departments of the California Junior Museum in Sacramento is the Animal Lending Library.

All children love keeping pets, but those in Sacramento have the advantage of being able to change



Members of the staff

theirs when they like. They can, for instance, "take out" a rabbit, and later return it for a squirrel.

In this cheerful and unique library children can borrow almost any small creature from a snake to an opossum as a temporary playmate. Bigger animals are



Satisfied customer

not available, so it is not possible to get an elephant on loan!

The under-tens can take home turtles, rabbits, rats, hamsters, guinea pigs; for the over-tens there are porcupines, snakes, squirrels, and various birds.

All animals are loaned without charge and portable cages are also provided by the museum. In return, the borrower promises to give the pet every care.



The CN National Handwriting Test of 1954

**NOW
OPEN!**



**1318
PRIZES!**

HAVE you heard about the great new CN Handwriting Test for schoolgirls and schoolboys? This, the fifth of these nation-wide competitions sponsored by CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER, is now open, and schools and teachers throughout the country are invited to co-operate.

Each entrant has only to copy the test passage—a short paragraph on the art and value of handwriting itself—in the style of writing taught in his or her school. Prizes totalling £500 in value are to be awarded for

the best entries. The test passage is given on the Entry Form, which is for issue—free and post free—only through schools.

The competition is for all full-time pupils of schools and colleges in Great Britain, all Ireland, and the Channel Islands, who are under 17.

To give an equal opportunity to all, the Test is divided into Three Age Groups, with prizes in each for both pupils and schools. You can thus win for your school as well as yourself in this list of 1318 prizes:

GROUP A (For Pupils under 9)	GROUP B (Pupils of 9 to under 13)	GROUP C (Pupils of 13 to under 17)
FIRST PRIZES—	FIRST PRIZES—	FIRST PRIZES—
To the School £25	To the School £25	To the School £25
Prize-winning Pupil £5	Prize-winning Pupil £5	Prize-winning Pupil £5
SECOND PRIZES—	SECOND PRIZES—	SECOND PRIZES—
To the School £10	To the School £10	To the School £10
To the Pupil £3	To the Pupil £3	To the Pupil £3
THIRD PRIZES—	THIRD PRIZES—	THIRD PRIZES—
To the School £5	To the School £5	To the School £5
To the Pupil £2	To the Pupil £2	To the Pupil £2

50 Copies of the Coronation Bible

—the Oxford Miniature Edition of the Bible presented to her Majesty the Queen at the Coronation.

50 Copies of "The Ascent of Everest"

by Sir John Hunt, the Leader of the British Expedition to Mount Everest in 1953.

1200 Fountain-pens—each Autographed with the Winner's Name

ALSO 10,000 AWARDS OF MERIT

—Certificates of Merit to be awarded for the best entry from each school not represented in the above prize list

If you would like to gain a prize for yourself and for your school, please show this announcement to your Teacher, and (unless the school has already applied) ask him or her kindly to complete this coupon and send it to CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER. Note that entries in the Test must be on the proper Entry Form, which is issued free and only to schools.

The test may be done in school or at home, as decided by the teacher. There is NO entry fee—but when sent in, every pupil's attempt must have affixed to it one of the Tokens (marked CN Writing Test 1954) now appearing on the back page of CN.

Remember, there is a special age group for you, and you write in the usual style—script, joined script, or cursive—taught at your school.

The Closing Date for entries is March 31. These, when completed, are to be sent in accordance with the rules, also given in the Entry Form. (It is regretted that this competition cannot be extended to schools outside Great Britain, all Ireland, and the Channel Islands.)

NOTE TO SCHOOLMASTERS AND SCHOOLMISTRESSES

The Entry Form contains the Test Passage, space for the pupil's effort, and all other particulars. It is issued only to schools on request. Teachers are asked kindly to assess the number of forms required, and to send for them on this coupon. The supply will then be sent free and post free, to be handed out at school. Last date for form applications is March 1.

To CHILDREN'S NEWSPAPER, Competition Dept., CN
3 Pilgrim Street, London, E.C.4 (Comp.).

Please send me (free and post free) copies of the CN National Handwriting Test of 1954 Entry Forms for my pupils.

PRINCIPAL/FORM-
MASTER or MISTRESS

School

School Address

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Children's Newspaper

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ENDURANCE TEST

WE all know how hard it is to keep cheerful when we are really ill. It is all very well for some hale and hearty person to say, "Keep your pecker up," but somehow it does not seem to make the burden any lighter.

Yet in our midst are thousands of people who are never out of pain but still manage always to have a smile and a cheery word for those around them. And there are countless others who while in perfect health are suddenly stricken and called on to face severe ordeals.

Such a one is ten-year-old Josie Princep of the Birmingham Girls' Life Brigade, who was badly injured when her bicycle collided with a lorry.

She was in hospital for five and a half months, and went into the operating theatre 14 times. But she always kept up her spirits, and all the doctors and nurses paid tribute to her pluck and endurance.

She has since been awaiting a further operation which may relieve her condition, but will leave her a cripple. Meanwhile she has been awarded the G.L.B. Endurance Award.

To go through such suffering with a smile is the mark of the truly courageous spirit. The Josie Princeps of this world—and they are many—are a shining example to us all.

Under the Editor's Table

New shoes often have to be broken in. Before they are worn out.

London is the driest place in Britain. Cockneys are noted for their dry humour.

A certain man goes to the station on roller skates. Always looks slippery.

A builder in Nassau wants to build a new hotel in the sun. More topical if he built it in the moon.

NUMBER ONE HERO

A WELL-KNOWN writer of thrillers, Mr. John Creasey, M.B.E., has written an "Open Letter to Parents" to help the recruiting drive for the Sunday School of East Cliffe Congregational Church, Bournemouth.

Reminding parents of the importance of sending their children to Sunday School, Mr. Creasey says: "These Sunday Schools aren't dry and dull today, by the way. The boys and girls will get thrill after thrill when they realise that they're learning about the world's Number One Hero—Jesus."

Mary and John in the lead

ANN has lost its long-held first place among the most popular names for girls.

Mr. J. W. Leaver, who every year compiles a list based on the birth announcements in The Times, reports that Mary was top in 1953, with Ann or Anne second. Elizabeth keeps third place, and Jane fourth. Then come Margaret, Susan, Caroline, Sarah, Clare, and Amanda—a new name among the favourites.

The first three boys' names—John, David, and Richard—are the same as in 1952; then come Charles, Michael, Peter, Andrew, James, Nicholas, Christophe, Robert, William.

But we gather that in the North of England the name of Mary is not so popular as in the South. This is supported by the report of the Leeds City Superintendent Registrar, who states that in that city the most favoured names in 1953 were Susan and Stephen.

JUST AN IDEA

As Jonathan Swift wrote: Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy is the best bred in the company.

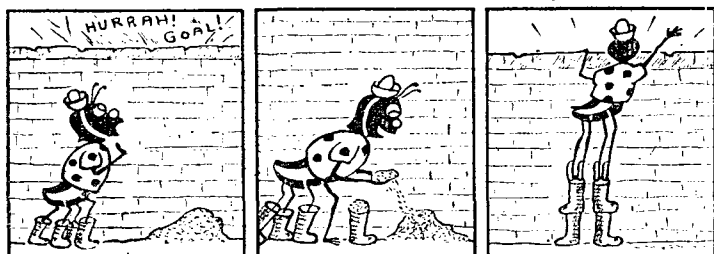
PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If all boys
shrink from
washing

A girl's coming-out dress can cost as much as £100. Sounds like a forking-out dress.

A vegetarian family have their meals in the open air. Go all out for salads.

BILLY BEETLE



The Editor's Table

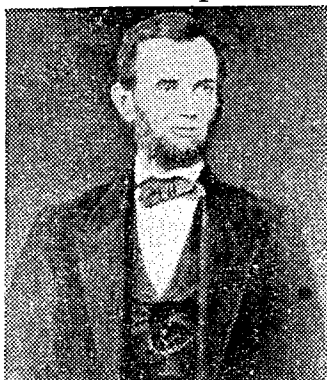
Words, words, words

THE official language of a civil servant at the Old Bailey caused the Recorder to declare: "It all sounds like a crossword puzzle—words, words, words; I don't know how they creep in."

The witness had used such terms as "incremental dates" (when a rise was due) and "by the usual internal delivery system to his in-tray" (a messenger put a note on his desk).

On being assured that witness had not invented "these strange phrases" the Recorder said, "If you are not responsible we can dismiss you with a caution."

President's portrait



This painting of President Lincoln is by President Eisenhower, who copied it from a photograph taken in 1863.

Bingo Crosby

As an entertainer Bing Crosby is known to almost everyone in the English-speaking world. But his real name is Harry Lillis Crosby, and probably few know how he came by his nickname.

There is a popular notion that as a little boy he used to run around pointing his fingers like a gun at people and shouting, "Bing! Bing! Bing!"—a startling performance not unknown among younger folk in this country.

But the truth is that he was very fond of a comic strip in which the chief character was a man called Bingo.

"I used to imitate this character," he says, "so people started calling me Bingo. The 'o' was eventually dropped, and by the time I was nine years old everyone called me Bing. Everyone except my mother; that is. She still calls me Harry."

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper, February 2, 1924

SMALL seaplanes are in future to be carried by all the submarine craft of the United States navy.

They are very portable, and can almost be folded up and tucked away in the submarine vessel. These tiny aircraft are to be used primarily as scouts; when the submarine comes to the surface the seaplane can float away and rise in the air, and, if necessary, can act as a passenger carrier to connect the vessel with the shore.

DAY OF LIGHTS

NEXT Tuesday, February 2, is Candlemas, the Day of Lights, an important date in the Church calendar.

The name comes from the centuries-old custom of blessing the candles and then carrying them in procession. It symbolises the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, when Simeon took the Infant in his arms, and declared that He was a light to lighten the Gentiles.

It has long been a legend that fine weather on this day portends wintry conditions continuing long into Spring. If, on this day, the weather is cold and stormy, it is an omen that the worst of winter is over.

German peasants have a proverb which tells us that "The shepherd would rather see the wolf enter his stable door on Candlemas Day than the sun."

Think on These Things

NEHEMIAH, a Jewish captive in Babylon, rose to prominence and held high rank as cup-bearer in the service of Artaxerxes (Nehemiah, chapters 1 and 2).

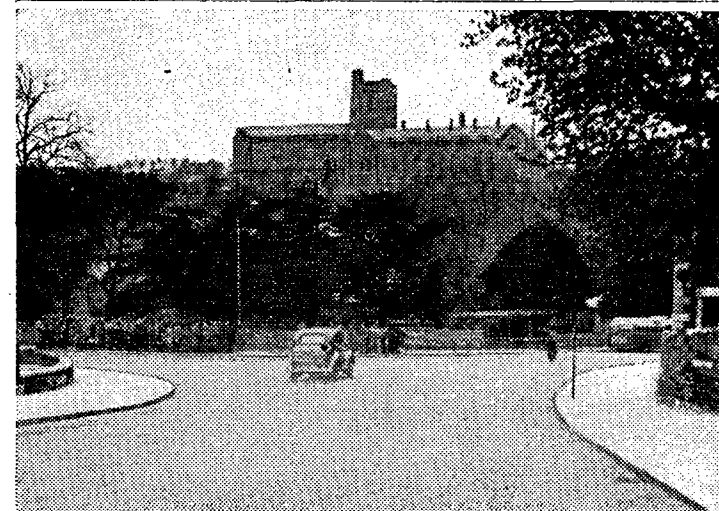
His office indicated responsibility. In those days a king was always in danger, and the cup-bearer guarded his life and alone served his drinks; he had to be implicitly trusted, and faithful unto death.

When Nehemiah heard of the hard life of his people in Jerusalem he enlisted the support of the king, who not only gave permission for him to visit his home to rebuild Jerusalem, but also active help. "And the King granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me."

A faithful man, who inspires confidence in others will readily be offered help in good causes. F. P.

THE WAY TO WISDOM

We learn wisdom from failure much more than from success. We often discover what will do, by finding out what will not do; and probably he who never made a mistake never made a discovery. Samuel Smiles



OUR HOMELAND

The Children's Newspaper, January 30, 1954

THEY SAY . . .

I CAN think of no greatness more worthy of respect than that symbolised by a firm faith in the strength of Parliamentary institutions and the rights of man. Queen Elizabeth

THE essence of science is a way of thinking, an adventure of the mind, and a deed of partnership with nature. The Duke of Edinburgh

IT is high time that we took up the not uncongenial task of blowing our own trumpet. If we are starting on that it would not be a bad thing to begin in Northern Rhodesia, where progress since 1939 has been astonishing. Mr. Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies

FAR too many sermons seem to have no higher purpose than to occupy an interval between prayers and the collective hymn. They are admirably conducive to slumber, both spiritual and physical. They teach nothing to those who know nothing. The Bishop of Rochester

THE greatest days of the Commonwealth lie ahead of us. Our resources are inexhaustible and, given peace, we can achieve much for the advantage of mankind. The Prime Minister of New Zealand

Out and About

ON the heath, dun-coloured but for a touch of evergreen or holly at the common's edge, can now be seen deep yellow flower-tips like points of flame on the dark and spiny gorse bushes. One of the earliest of Spring flowers, the gorse seems to promise the sunshine of the Spring still to come.

Several small birds fly out from a clump of briar-bushes nearby. They have a mottled brown back, reddish breast and black head, with white patches on head, wings, and tail. They are stonechats, who stay with us through the winter.

In April the whinchats (so-called because they haunt the whin, or gorse) will arrive from southern climes and nest around here, probably where the sloping grass yonder marks the end of the heath and the beginning of the golf links. C. D. D.

University building dominating the Square at Bangor, Wales

SCHOOL FARM

This is the first of a new series of articles describing all-the-year-round activities on a flourishing school farm in the South of England. Although mainly for the boys and girls who take the two-year course in agriculture at the age of 13½ years and intend to become farmers, the farm is of great interest to all the pupils, and we believe that these articles will be of like interest to all our readers.

1. How it all began

THE school farm is well equipped. It has a herd of pedigree Jersey calves, five milk cows, three sows, eight gilts (young female pigs) and 150 head of poultry. Farm buildings include a model dairy, cow houses, piggeries, poultry houses, store sheds, and a club room.

All this has developed from a very humble beginning. The children started from scratch and built up the farm in stages.

Money, of course, was necessary for any kind of start, and this was raised principally by the children.

One way was the purchase in the local market of a gross of day-old cockerels. They were reared quite cheaply, for some 300 children stay to the midday meal, and the resultant waste, supple-

All profits from these various undertakings were ploughed back into the farm, and this meant more equipment.

Wood was an urgent need. Small quantities were obtained by licence and a surprising amount was obtained at sales in markets, and private houses.

While the livestock was flourishing in the farm, and equipment was being made in the woodwork rooms, valuable experience was being gained through visits to local farms. The farmers were always glad to welcome the future farmers, and treated them well.

The activities of the school farm were becoming known outside the district, and applications were being received from parents who wanted their children to enter the



Off to the pastures of the school farm

mented by crops that were grown, took care of the feeding problem.

At Christmas the birds were sold. Parents bought some, and others were sold to the Old Scholars' Association for their annual reunion dinner at the school. There was quite a good profit.

A pig club was formed by the sale of shares to the pupils. Dividends were to be paid on each share, and this caused considerable excitement and amusement. One boy was heard to remark to his friends, "My share of the pig is the tail!" With the money received, three gilts were purchased, and in due course their litters were sold to the Ministry of Food.

school in order to take the agricultural course.

Not all could be accepted, and matters were complicated because so many lived too far from the school to travel in daily. But housewives in the district were approached with a view to receiving these young would-be farmers as boarders.

The idea caught on, and before long there were 25 boys and girls, nearly all of them from town schools, living in the village.

In the past seven years nearly 200 pupils have left to work on farms in Britain, and quite a few are now farming in Commonwealth countries.

AUSTRALIAN DESERT IN FLOOD

A train journey more like a sea voyage was the experience of passengers in a trans-continental express which arrived 12 hours late at Port Pirie in South Australia.

Their train had travelled through 100 miles of floodwater stretching on both sides of the railway as far as the eye could see across the desolate Nullarbor Plain.

The desert had been turned into a vast shallow sea by a great storm, which had torn over 100 steel telegraph poles out of the

ground along a 48-mile stretch of the railway. Linemen have been working round the clock to repair the damage. Overseas cables which are normally sent out over this line through Perth in Western Australia, had to be re-routed through Montreal and Singapore.

The Nullarbor Plain, named from the Latin for No Tree, is a desolate empty region extending 400 miles by 200. It has no vegetation other than saltbush, and is shunned by rabbits and kangaroos.

On the Royal Route

FAREWELL, NEW ZEALAND!

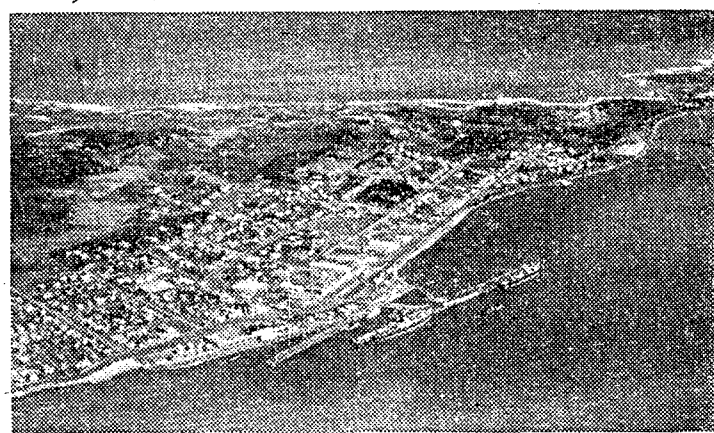
Having spent two or three days in Dunedin, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will leave this "Edinburgh of the South" at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning, January 28, and motor to Balclutha and Gore and thence to Invercargill.

Named after Captain William Cargill, a Scot who had served in the Peninsular War before settling in New Zealand, Invercargill is 100 miles south-west of Dunedin and claims to be the most southerly city in the British Commonwealth.

It is a tidy city of wide streets, all named after Scottish rivers. Already it has 30,000 inhabitants, and because it is on a plain with rich farmland behind it there is no telling how much bigger it will grow.

From Invercargill on Friday night at nine o'clock the Queen will broadcast her farewell message to the people of New Zealand. At 8.30 the next morning her Majesty and the Duke will start on their last short journey in the Dominion and travel by car to the port of Bluff.

Until 1917 Bluff was called Campbelltown after the maiden name of the wife of a former



The port of Bluff, point of the Queen's departure from New Zealand

Governor of New Zealand. Today it is the main port for the province of Southland. It is also widely known for its oysters.

Such is the little town which will be the scene of New Zealand's farewell to the Queen.

In the preceding 38 days, the Royal couple will have visited all of the principal centres of New Zealand and most of the smaller ones. They will have seen New Zealand literally from end to end.

They will have seen lakes, rivers, trout streams, steaming pools, golden beaches, geysers, mountains, and great forests. But even more impressive will have been the demonstrations of affection with which they are held in the heart of all New Zealanders.

At Bluff on Saturday, while on a ceremonial drive, the Queen and the Duke will again be reminded of this affection. Many thousands have already planned to be there from all parts of New Zealand, and almost the whole population of little Stewart Island—across Foveaux Strait—will also be there that day.

After official farewells have been exchanged and her Majesty

has inspected the Guard of Honour, the Royal couple will board the Gothic, and a few minutes later, at 10 a.m., they will set sail for Australia.

Hundreds of yachts and other craft will follow the ship awhile to give them a right royal send-off, token of the good wishes of every New Zealander that will go with them to cheer them on their way.



Judith Ford, a nine-year-old Brownie, presents the Queen with a bouquet during the Royal Tour of New Zealand

QUEEN'S TREASURES ON VIEW

The Royal plate used at official banquets is to be seen by the public for the first time in history. It will be displayed at an exhibition opening on February 19 in London's Victoria and Albert Museum.

There will be 164 pieces on view, including candelabra, dessert-stands, plates, tankards, and sauceboats. Two imposing items will be a Queen Anne wine fountain, and a ewer and basin used for the christening of George III.

Another interesting exhibit is a large table centre-piece on which are portrayed Queen Victoria's four favourite dogs: Eds, a greyhound; Cairnach, a Skye terrier; Islay, a rough-haired terrier; and Waldman, a dachshund.

None of the pieces can be dated earlier than 1660, an indication, in the opinion of some experts, that Cromwell melted down the former Royal plate.

UNLOADING FISH BY SUCTION

A new vacuum method of unloading fish from nets and the holds of fishing boats is being put into action in the United States. The apparatus consists of a long rubber-lined hose attached at one end to a suction pump.

One type of this apparatus is used in the fishing boat and can empty a fish-filled net in a few minutes by packing the fish into the boat. When the vessel reaches port similar equipment unloads in a matter of minutes a cargo which formerly took several hours to dispose of.

This invention, by enabling fishermen to spend more time at sea, is expected to make fish both more plentiful and cheaper.

PROSPERITY ON TRISTAN

Tristan da Cunha won new prosperity in 1953 and hopes to do even better this year, for its crayfish factory is doing good business. All round this island in the middle of the South Atlantic—1500 miles from Cape Town—are myriads of crayfish which feed on the rich kelp-seaweed; but no one bothered much about them until 1942, when a naval chaplain suggested that they might find a ready market in South Africa, particularly if packed in a brightly-labelled tin.

So now, above the Big Beach, with its few hundred yards of good

road, there is a big factory of concrete and steel. All its heavy machinery was ferried ashore by the islanders and erected under the supervision of three visiting engineers.

Tristan's fishermen land the crayfish in their little fishing boats, and their womenfolk stand at long tables packing the crayfish into the tins, which are soon made ready for shipment.

And that is why Tristan's 250 people (the Glasses, the Greens, the Hagans, the Rogers, and the Lavarellos) are now flourishing as never before.

DOUBLE T V

Duoscopic, a new invention in America, makes it possible for two people to see different programmes on the same television set at the same time.

To the naked eye the two programmes overlap, and the accompanying sounds are also heard at the same time. But polarised glasses separate the wanted programme, and special earphones separate the accompanying music.

HIKING WITH A PRAM

Three Dutch hikers, with a 15-month-old baby in a pram, recently arrived in Rome after a 1000-mile walk from The Hague.

The party consisted of a man, his wife, daughter, and brother-in-law. They met the expenses of their sightseeing tour by selling pictures of Holland painted by the two men.

They plan to return home in a similar way by a different route.

MORE POWER FOR CANADA

Miners driving a ten-mile tunnel from opposite sides of a mountain in British Columbia joined hands in the heart of it not long ago. They had shifted more than two million tons of rock during 21 months of incessant toil.

Their tunnel, 25 feet in diameter, is part of the vast Kemano-Kitimat enterprise, and its purpose is to conduct water from a dam to a power-house which is now being built inside the base of the mountain.

UNDERGROUND PLANT

The Kemano plant will some day be the largest underground plant in the world, with a generator capacity of 2,200,000 h.p. Its electric power will drive the new aluminium smelters at Kitimat, some 50 miles away.

The first production of aluminium at Kitimat is expected this summer, a few weeks before the site is visited by the Duke of Edinburgh.

Another "world's biggest" of this gigantic undertaking is the aerial tramway at Kemano, which can carry a load of 28 tons or 75 men 2600 feet up the side of a mountain.

YUKON DEVELOPMENT

Meanwhile, Canadian engineers are planning another tremendous hydro-electric project which will be the biggest single power development in Canada's history. This is to be near the Taku River, in the Yukon area of British Columbia, and will, it is estimated, develop four million h.p.

To use this power, factories are proposed at the Indian village of Tulsequah on the Taku River, to which raw materials could be brought by sea from many parts of the world.

Canada's almost limitless resources indeed hold the promise of making her one of the greatest and wealthiest countries in the world before many more years have passed.

Steps to Sporting Fame



Britain may not yet have any young world-ranking lawn tennis players, but there are several good prospects still under 20, among them Roger Becker.



Just now, Becker, 19, is doing his National Service in the R.A.F. A good footballer and cricketer while at St. Joseph's College, Upper Norwood, he did not take up tennis until he was 14.



Roger has had considerable help from the British Davis Cup player Geoff. Paish, for both are members of the Shirley Park Club. Paish was delighted when Roger became an international at 18.

Roger Becker



Roger was taught the game by Alick Junkison, then coached intensively by Capt. F. D. Rodgers and Dan Maskell. He would like to see tennis taught more widely in the schools.

TOY MAKERS AT THE FIRE STATION

A boy's visit to a fire station in Portland, Oregon, has given rise to a scheme among firemen which is spreading across America.

The small boy brought his toy wagon to the local fire station. It needed mending, and he asked a fireman to mend it. A little bending and tugging got the wheel back in its place, and a little paint turned the old toy into a new one.

GOOD WORK SPREADS

Within two weeks 30 more youngsters appeared with their broken toys, which they wanted to give to poorer children if the firemen would mend them. The fireman enlisted the aid of his mates, and in between their fire duties they tackled the repair jobs.

Soon they organised themselves as The Toy and Joy Makers. The firemen were given lorryloads of wood and paint for their job, and a local laundry firm offered to carry the toys free of charge.

Now there is a friendly rivalry between the fire stations. One station repairs roller-skates, another specialises in clockwork trains, another in electric toys, and one in repairing dolls.

British firemen have been doing much the same sort of thing for many years to provide toys for hospitals.

ENGINE STILL IN FORM

The streamlined locomotive Mallard, which in 1938 established the still unbeaten record of 126 m.p.h. on a stretch of line near Grantham, recently showed that she is still a racer.

A special train had to be provided to carry many distinguished people from London to an exhibition in Sheffield. Mallard, drawing four dining-cars, a kitchen car, and brake vans, was booked to do the 161½ miles from King's Cross to Sheffield (Victoria) in 2 hours 58 minutes. She steamed into Sheffield three minutes ahead of time, and returned to London four minutes ahead.

CENTENARY OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

This month has seen celebrations of the centenary of the most celebrated detective of all time—Sherlock Holmes who, according to his admirers, was born in January 1854.

Few characters in fiction have had such a following as Sherlock Holmes. Today there are Sherlock Holmes Societies all over the world, and their members meet regularly to re-read and discuss the exploits of their hero.

During the 1951 Festival of Britain the room in 221b Baker Street where Holmes and his faithful henchman Doctor Watson worked for so many years was faithfully reconstructed. It contained his magnifying glass, pistols, pipes, chemicals, deer-stalker hat—and the damaged wall whereon the detective had shot the letters "V.R." during pistol practice, to the horror of his long-suffering landlady.

Conan Doyle, the creator of this great character, published the first of the Holmes adventures, A Study in Scarlet, in Beeton's Christmas Annual for 1887 and received £25 for it. Later he became world famous in the pages of the Strand Magazine.

The character of Holmes had

an original, for it was modelled on Dr. Joseph Bell, a medical lecturer that Conan Doyle had known at Edinburgh University. Dr. Bell's remarkable powers of deduction amazed his students and made a lasting impression on Conan Doyle.

At first Conan Doyle had almost decided on Sherrinford Holmes as the name for his detective. Later he decided that this was too cumbersome a name for such an acute detective, and after much thought and consideration he decided on Sherlock.

His faithful attendant was almost named Ormond Slacker. But eventually that slow-thinking,

NEW LIFE IN THE CHILDREN'S WARD

Aches and pains are being forgotten in a ward of the Belgrave Hospital for Children, Kennington Oval. Even toys are pushed aside, for the young patients now have a tankful of tropical fish given to them by the Brixton Aquarists Society.

Members of the society which had this happy thought for the children are arranging to visit the hospital regularly to look after the fish.

stolid, but true-as-steel character was named Dr. James Watson, a name that was to be incorporated in one of the most famous phrases in the world: "Elementary, my dear Watson."

Not since the publication of Pickwick Papers in monthly parts had such interest been aroused in the British reading public. The appearance of a new Holmes story was heralded by milling crowds round newsagents and railway station bookstalls.

When finally Conan Doyle tired of the character and had him fall to his death in the tumultuous waters of the Reichenbach Falls, locked in the arms of the arch-villain Moriarty, the public cry of protest was clamorous. People travelled to their work with mourning bands on their hats and indignant letters poured into the publisher's office and the author's home.

Almost against his will Conan Doyle was forced to resurrect this prince of detectives in another brilliant series.

Millions of readers in many languages still find the stories of Sherlock Holmes as fascinating as their fathers and grandfathers did in their days.

THE AFRICAN JOURNEYS OF MUNGO PARK—picture-story of a famous explorer (13)



Mungo left the American ship at Antigua and sailed home in another vessel, reaching London on Christmas Day 1797. His travels made him famous, and the book he wrote about them was very popular. Later he married and settled down at Peebles. But after a few years he became restless again, and he eagerly accepted the Government's invitation to him to lead an expedition to navigate the Niger river.



On May 4, 1805, he again left Pisanía for the interior of Africa. But now he led a party consisting of his brother-in-law, Alexander Anderson, another young man named George Scott, and an officer and 35 soldiers, four English carpenters, two sailors, and some native servants. They intended to reach the Niger, sell their asses, and build two boats in which to travel down the Niger and discover where it ended.



The hopeful party soon ran into difficulties. Some of the soldiers fell sick with fever, and a few died. Native rulers, encouraged by the feeble condition of the white men, demanded exorbitant "gifts," and their subjects boldly pilfered whatever they could lay hands on. Mungo's little party were not fit enough to become involved in serious fighting with greedy and warlike natives of this type.



Kept awake one night by hippos snorting in the stream nearby, Mungo gloomily surveyed his expedition's chances. They had already suffered serious losses in men and supplies, and they had not even reached the Niger, where their real exploration was to begin. He himself was ill with fever, and some of the sick soldiers would have to be left behind to be cared for by any kindly natives they could find.

Mungo will not dream of turning back. What adventures await his little party? See next week's instalment

A new serial about Linbury Court Preparatory School

ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

Space-travel is the latest craze at Linbury Court School. Jennings and Darbishire, with their friends, Venables, Atkinson, and Temple, incur the wrath of Mr. Wilkins while pretending to be space pilots. In the library, Jennings demonstrates how the glass dome covering a case of stuffed birds might be improvised as a space-helmet.

2. Trouble round the corner

THE dome-shaped cover rested lightly on its wooden base, and came up quite easily as Jennings lifted it clear of the beady-eyed woodpeckers. Then he placed the dome on his head, where it perched awkwardly on his ears like an outside, transparent bowler hat.

"Watch out you feeble Lunatickians! Here comes Butch Breakaway in his famous, patent, self-propelled space helmet!" Jennings announced. He levelled an imaginary atomic-ray gun at the grinning planet-dwellers and advanced upon them, rattling out a fusillade of death-dealing beams from between his clenched teeth . . . And as he did so, the movement sent the dome slithering over his ears and enveloping his face down to the point of his chin.

The Lunatickians hooted with glee and doubled up in convulsions of laughter . . . But not so Jennings! For even as he raised his hand to ease the glass covering, he found that his head was now tightly wedged in the top of the dome.

At once he was overcome by a feeling of panic. Supposing some master came in before he could get it off! Supposing he couldn't get it off! Supposing he broke it! Supposing . . . !

Famous specimen

"Roll up and see the famous specimen in ye ancient glass case!" chanted Venables, hilarious with mirth; while Temple and Atkinson danced ungainly ballet steps round the unhappy prisoner, making grotesque faces at him through the glass.

But Darbishire had sensed that it was not well.

"What's up, Jen?" he asked anxiously.

"It's stuck! Help me out!"

The words were faint and muffled, but the worried look on Jennings' face made his meaning only too clear.

"You can't get it off! Fossilised fish-hooks, what ever are we going to do!" cried Darbishire, aghast.

The laughter of the Lunatickians stalled in mid-burst, as the gravity of the situation suddenly dawned on them.

"Wow! You've done it this time, Jen. For goodness' sake don't bust it!" urged Temple.

"We may have to bust it to get it off," observed Venables. "After

all, he can't go to bed in it, and he'll have to have his supper through a straw if we can't budge it before the bell goes."

Just then a deep voice and a heavy footfall were heard approaching along the corridor.

"Petrified paint-pots, it's Old Wilkie!" cried Atkinson in wild alarm.

"Oh, this is frantic," moaned Darbishire, hopping from foot to foot in frustration. "We should never have done it! We should never have . . ."

He stopped abruptly, his hand flying to his mouth in guilty dismay as the tall, sturdy figure of L. P. Wilkins, Esq., M.A., appeared in the open doorway.

It was well known at Linbury Court that Mr. Wilkins' feelings were easily roused: though it was often bewilderment, rather than anger, that caused him to fume and threaten like a volcano on the point of eruption. He was fond of the boys in his charge, but he could never understand what made them behave in such a fantastic way, and do things that were so utterly lacking in reason.

Here was a case in point. Mr. Wilkins had no desire to stuff his head into a glass case, and he could not for the life of him see

ENGLISH COINS

8. Reigns of Henry VII and Henry VIII

THE new coinage of Henry VII marks a notable advance in artistic treatment. It reflects the influence of the Renaissance, particularly the magnificently rich Tudor design of the new gold sovereign, showing the king seated enthroned on the obverse and an elaborate



Tudor rose on the reverse. A new groat has the first realistic portrait in profile in English coinage. (See picture.)

The first issues of Henry VIII are similar to those of his father. His chief mint was at the Tower in London, but smaller denominations were also issued by ecclesiastical mints at Canterbury, Durham, and York. A half-groat struck at York in 1526 bears the initials T. W. and the cardinal's hat of the great Thomas Wolsey.

The last issues of Henry VIII have the full-faced, bearded portrait with which we are all familiar.

why Jennings should feel the urge to do so. For some moments the master stood staring in speechless amazement, while Venables did his best to explain how matters stood.

"Please, sir, he can't get it off, sir."

"I . . . I . . . Corwump!" exploded Mr. Wilkins. "What on earth did the silly little boy want to put it on for!" Gingerly he grasped the lower edge of the dome and tugged gently upwards. But his efforts were in vain: and it was not until nearly an hour later that the combined efforts of Matron, Mr. Wilkins, and Mr. Carter succeeded in freeing the chafed and reddened features of the would-be space pilot.

Mr. Wilkins' warning

In the dormitory that evening, Mr. Wilkins had a good deal to say on the subject of interplanetary flight.

"I'm warning you boys, I've had just about enough of this trumpery tomfoolery," he threatened. "And if there's any more trouble as a result of these ridiculous games, I'll—I'll— Well, there'd better not be any more trouble!"

"No, sir," murmured Dormitory 6 politely; while Jennings sat on his bed, gently massaging his ears with cold cream provided by Matron.

Mr. Wilkins' warning did not go unheeded by the members of the Form Three Space-Ship and Rocket Development Corporation. For nearly a week they strato-cruised round the building at a slower speed than usual, and reduced the noise of their engines to a low-geared "Brrr . . . Brrr"—at least, whenever Mr. Wilkins was within earshot. But, unfortunately, a further bout of space-trouble was lurking just around the corner; and it burst upon them in a climax of chaos and confusion on the very afternoon that General Merridew, that most eminent of Old Linburians, chose to pay one of his rare visits to the school.

The headmaster was not altogether easy in his mind when he heard that the General would be coming down on the following Wednesday. He confided his doubts to Mr. Carter.

"Naturally, I am always delighted to welcome so distinguished an Old Boy," he said. "But between you and me, Carter, the General can be a very difficult man to deal with when the mood takes him. If only he would realise that his ideas of how a school should be run are sixty years behind the times!"

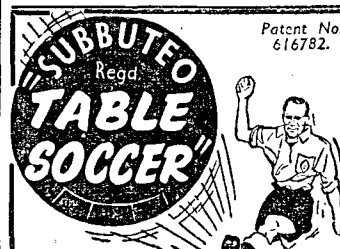
Mr. Carter understands

Mr. Carter smiled. He was an agreeable, understanding sort of man who had been teaching boys for so long that he knew a great deal about the way in which their minds worked. He knew less about the whims and fancies of elderly generals but, as always, he took a tolerant view.

"I suppose a hankering for the good old days is quite natural," he told the headmaster. "You'll never get an Old Boy who was here in 1895 to admit that our modern methods are as good as the way they did things in Queen Victoria's time."

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MERVYN WOOD, the Australian policeman who became the greatest oarsman in post-war rowing circles, is preparing, at the age of 36, to add to his laurels at this summer's Empire Games. After losing his Olympic title, at Helsinki owing to a wrist injury, he rested for nearly 12 months, but now he is back in winning form in Australian regattas.

STANLEY McCABE was one of the greatest of all Australian batsmen. Now his nephew, John, captain of the Sydney High School cricket XI, is winning new laurels for the family.

This week the European ice skating championships will be held in Bolzano, Italy. All British eyes will be upon Yvonne Sugden, of London, our 14-year-old champion, who will be challenging for the women's title.

THE Scandinavian covered courts lawn tennis championships are taking place this week at Helsinki, and a British team is competing. Led by Gerald Oakley, the side includes Roger Becker, Angela Mortimer and Ann Shilcock.

RUGBY UNION fans are well catered for next Saturday. The All Blacks meet England at Twickenham, and Wales and Scotland clash at Swansea. Not since 1937 have the Scots won on Welsh soil. In 1936, when the All Blacks were last here, the Englishmen won by 13 points to nil.

ANN MITHAM, of Surbiton, 19-year-old experimental officer at the National Physical Laboratory, has won the English junior women's squash title for the second year running.

DONALD JONES, 17-year-old Isle of Man schoolboy, from Douglas, recently played in the all-England junior badminton championships for the first time—and took three titles: the boys' singles, the boys' doubles, and the mixed doubles.

JIM MONAGHAN, the man who coached Marjorie Jackson, the Australian sprinter, is now training 17-year-old Sydney schoolgirl Fleur Mellor. She has already run the 100 yards in 11 seconds.

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"Quite. And for that reason, Carter, we must spare no effort to see that the boys are on their best behaviour when the General arrives."

"You can leave that to me, sir," said Mr. Wilkins, who had come in during the course of the conversation. "I shall be on duty next Wednesday, so I'll see the place is tidy and the boys are on their toes."

"Thank you, Wilkins. I suggest that you organise some quiet and peaceful occupation for them to pursue, and restrain them from chasing one another round the quad and uttering those ear-splitting noises which seem to be so popular this term."

Mr. Wilkins was as good as his word. Immediately after lunch on the following Wednesday, he strode round the school barking terse orders about the tidying of bookshelves and the sweeping-up of pencil sharpenings. Various boys, who happened to be wearing their ties knotted beneath their ears, or who had their socks drooping like concertinas about their ankles, were sent up to their dormitories to make themselves presentable.

Outside on the quad, Mr. Wilkins found that the latest developments in the conquest of space had started up again after a two-day lull. Jennings, in his role of the dauntless Butch Breakaway, had rounded up three Lunaticians, and was keeping them covered with an improvised ray-gun, while Darbshire tied them to a tree with a ball of fishing-twine.

"Now, what's going on here?" demanded Mr. Wilkins, walking unharmed through a burst of ray-gun fire. "You boys have no

business to be playing around out of doors." He looked searchingly at Venables, Atkinson, and Temple, and noticed that their faces were smeared with green chalk.

"We were just playing a game, sir," Venables explained. "The green chalk is because we're planet-dwellers. According to Jennings, they all have green faces on the moon. Didn't you know, sir?"

"No, I didn't," Mr. Wilkins returned shortly. "I don't know much about space travel; and if it means going about with a green face, I'm staying on earth, thanks very much. Go and tidy yourselves up, all of you. General Merridew won't want to be confronted with green-faced moon-men every time he turns a corner."

A truce was declared while the three captives retired to the wash-basins and removed the traces of lunar origin from about their persons. Then Jennings said: "Come on, you chaps! Darbi and I will count a hundred to give you time to get away, and then we'll come after you again."

"But Mr. Wilkins said we were to stop playing," Darbshire demurred.

"No, he didn't. He said we weren't to play out of doors. Get cracking, you Lunaticians. You can take cover anywhere you like inside the building." Jennings put his hands over his eyes and started to count. "One . . . two . . . three . . . four . . ."

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General Merridew had arrived!

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the most extraordinary converts of
all time.

Richard Slater was a young
agnostic—an unbeliever—who
lectured extensively, and always
with an anti-Christian bias. In
1882 he attended a Salvation Army
meeting at Regent Hall in London
—and was converted.

He was an amateur musician of
outstanding ability who had
played first violin under the
famous Sir Arthur Sullivan and
other notable conductors.

He was just the man General
William Booth was seeking. For
the Founder believed that music
and religion are inseparable.
"Singing is like eating," he would
say. "To see other folk at dinner
soon makes the hungry man wish
to join in."

How music has helped them is
shown by the following story.

Years ago two Salvationists were
trying to hold an open-air meeting
at Coburg in Ontario. They
attracted little interest until a
stranger asked whether he might
sing "Nearer my God to Thee."
Soon a crowd was listening

intently. The voice was that of
Caruso, who probably never knew
that he had helped to launch the
S.A.'s work in Coburg.

General Booth made Richard
Slater head of the Army's new
Music Department, a position he
held for 30 years; and it was
largely due to him that the
Salvation Army used such inspiring
tunes in carrying its message
to the four corners of the Earth.

How widespread that message is
today—and the work that goes
with it—is clearly set out in the
S.A. Year Book for 1954
(Salvation Publishing, 3s. 9d.).

PRIZES FOR C.N. READERS

CONGRATULATIONS to the
ten readers who sent in winning
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petition No. 43 and each won a
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Joan Penfold, Heathfield; Carol
Wall, Blackpool; Rosalind Ward,

STAMP NEWS

LUNDY Island in the Bristol
Channel has celebrated the
silver jubilee of its miniature postal
system with a set of 13 new
stamps, including six for air mail.
They range in value from "1-
puffin" to "12-puffin" stamps—
puffins being coins issued on
Lundy by its owner, Mr. Martin
Coles Harman.

These stamps are not recognised
by the G.P.O. for use on ordinary
mail; for instance, they
would not carry mail
from Barn-
staple to
Edinburgh. But neither can a
letter with an English stamp be
delivered on Lundy until it bears
an Island stamp.

In short, they are used in
addition to official stamps on
Lundy's own mail, which has to be
carried 25 miles across the sea to
and from Lundy in the island's
own transport, the expense of the
service being covered by the sale
of these stamps.

Lundy's stamps also make an
interesting souvenir of a visit to
the island, for they have attractive
views of Marisco Castle, Soay
Sheep, and various landmarks.

Letters are also taken to and
from Lundy by air, and the new
airmail stamps appropriately bear
pictures of historic aircraft.

A MUCH-STAMPED envelope has
reached the C.N. office from
New Zealand. It was posted at
"Jamborette Post Office" at the
village of Motukarara, near Christ-
church, where the Boy Scouts' Association of Canterbury was
holding a small jamboree. It
ended on January 14, just before
the Queen arrived in Christchurch.

Canterbury Scouts did their
good deeds for the week by invit-
ing friends throughout New
Zealand to send to their camp post
office as many envelopes as
possible stamped with Health
Stamps, which are a means of
raising thousands of pounds for
camps where sick children are
restored to health.

The friends of these good Scouts
duly shared in the good deeds.

THE first United Nations com-
memorative stamp for 1954 is
to be issued on February 11.
Honouring the Food and Agriculture
Organisation, it shows a head
of wheat in the usual five-language
border.

It is to be of two values: three
cents, which will be gold on a
green background, and eight cents,
gold on a blue background. Mint
sets of the stamps will be available
on and after February 11 through
the London Sales Office of the
UN Postal Administration, Russell
Square House, Russell Square,
London, W.C.1.

THE Austrian Government has
issued a special stamp to be
used on letters sent by school-
children to their pen-friends in
other countries.

THE Saar has a stamp which
carries a surcharge for the
Abbey of Tholey. The design,
showing St. Benedict blessing
St. Maurus as he sets out as a
missionary, was taken from the
fresco in the Abbey of Monte-
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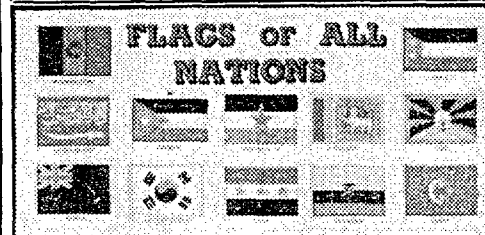


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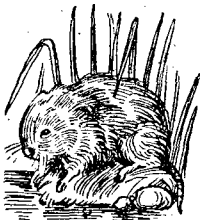
THE BRAN-TOP

NO MARKS

"THIRTY boys wanted to go fishing," said teacher, pointing to Jimmy, "but eleven had homework to do. How many went?"
"Thirty, sir."

SPOT THE . . .

WATER VOLE as he paddles across a narrow stream or nibbles daintily at a reed. He is a roly-poly gentleman with reddish-brown fur,



blunt nose, and short, hairy tail. Unlike rats, he is harmless and it is unfair to confuse him with such rogues. It is also unnecessary. The rat has a sharp nose, and his tail is long and scaly.

Water voles inhabit ponds and streams, preferring sluggish to rapidly-flowing water. They are excellent swimmers and can travel underwater at a good speed.

They are vegetarians and, as most of their food is taken from the water-side, they do little harm. Occasionally, however, constant tunnelling causes banks to collapse.

JUMBLE QUIZ

To find the answer to each clue rearrange the letters in the anagrams. Each solution begins with the letter L.

1. Insect related to the grasshopper; moves in huge hordes, devouring all vegetation in its path. (CLOUTS)

2. Best known Chief of King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table; father of Sir Galahad. (TALL CONE)

3. French town with a famous grotto and spring; visited by many sick pilgrims seeking miraculous cures. (SOLD RUE)

4. Nineteenth-century animal painter who first exhibited at the age of eight; designed the lions surrounding Nelson's column in Trafalgar Square. (REAL DENS)

Answer next week

All at sea

A SHIP at anchor has a rope ladder hanging over its side with rungs one foot apart. The bottom rung is two feet below the surface of the water. The tide rises ten feet. How far is the bottom rung now below the surface?

Two feet, the ship, with the ladder, rises with the tide.

BEDTIME CORNER

BILLY TRIES SO HARD

MUMMY was at the shops when the coalman appeared at the back gate.

"Where do you want it, sonny," he said to Billy, who was playing in the garden.

"Eh? Oh, in the bin over there," replied Billy.

But as the men emptied their sacks Billy saw that they were emptying not coal, as he had thought it was, but coke for the boiler.

"Now the coke and coal is all mixed up," said Billy, pulling a face. "Mummy will be cross with me for getting it put in the wrong place."

Some time later when Mummy returned she saw a black-faced little boy that she hardly recognised.

Then the boy spoke.

"Hallo, Mummy."

"Billy," exclaimed Mummy, "what on earth have you been doing?"

Billy explained how the coalmen had mixed the coal and the coke.

"I thought I had better put

the coke into its proper bunker in case you were cross with me for having it put in the wrong place."

"Well!" said Mummy. "I do forgive you, but Daddy will be cross if he comes home and finds you in this state. You go right upstairs and into the bath!"

"Oh dear," sighed Billy, "it seems that someone is cross with me whatever I do."

Why bother with nests?

"I NEST in the creeper," the Jenny Wren said,

"I build in the wall," chirped the tit.

"My home's made of clay," cried the swallow, "and look!

Right under the rafters I sit."

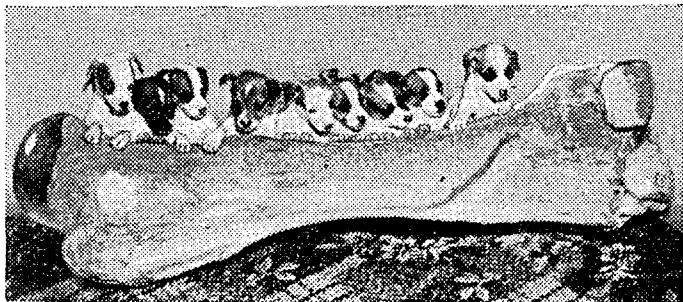
"My house in the tree tops is rocked by the wind,"

Cawed the rook, "but it's quite safe and sound."

Then the nightjar laughed—

"Churr, why bother with nests, I just lay my eggs on the ground."

HELEN J. WRIGHT



"I've a bone to pick with you"

these nine terrier pups seem to be saying as they inspect a four-foot-long bone of a prehistoric mastodon.

WINDY DAY IN JACKOTOWN



Busy putting the finishing touches to a new hoarding, a painter suddenly found his work "decorated" with caps and hats—Adolphus and Jacko and Co. had lost their headgear in a gust of wind. "It looks as though we shall have a sticky task to get them back," muttered Jacko.

Sammy Simple

SAMMY, telephoning his headmaster: "I'm afraid Sammy has a cold and won't be coming to school today."

"Oh, yes!" replied the headmaster. "Who is that?"

"My mother."

FAMILIAR TREES

THE plane tree is common in many towns, and is easily recognised by the dappled appearance of its trunk. This is because the grey bark flakes off, exposing large patches of yellowish-green.



Its leaves resemble those of the maple and sycamore, being deeply lobed and pointed. They grow singly along the boughs, unlike maple

and sycamore leaves, which grow in pairs. The plane is unrelated to either sycamore or maple, as the fruits show. These appear as balls made up of many seeds. Each seed possesses a tiny parachute made of hairs. They do not drop until the following Spring, after they have ripened, but remain hanging throughout the winter.

The pale brown wood is fine-grained, hard, and strong. It is used in the making of pianos, and was at one time greatly in demand by coach builders.

In storyland

My first's in Bo-Peep but not in Boy Blue,

My second you'll find in the Old Woman's shoe.

My third's in King Arthur, but not in King Cole,

My fourth is in pipe but not in the bowl.

My fifth is in rabbit but not in Alice,

My sixth is in princess also in palace,

My seventh's in Babes, but not in the wood,

My last is in Robin but not in his hood.

My whole is a story we all enjoy About a really unusual boy.

Answer next week

3 D puzzle

Can you complete each of the following sentences by filling in a word beginning with D?

THE —, once abundant in Mauritius, is now extinct. It was a clumsy bird, about the size of a turkey.

Its extinction was largely — to the species' inability to fly properly. It was mentioned in Lewis Carroll's — story Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.

Possible answers: Dodo, duc, delightful

The expert

"Oh! How can you talk with your mouth full?" Mary asked her small brother in shocked accents.

"Oh, it's simply a matter of practice," he replied.

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QUAINT TOWNS

The answers to the following are all towns in the British Isles. What are they?

- A TOWN that is part of a ship.
- A town found in most houses.
- A town that is studying.
- A town to put under the ground.
- A town to pile on the coal.
- A town that can burn.
- A town with one wheel.
- A town that is a rhyme.
- A town for a stopper.
- A town that boys play at.

Answer next week

That's different

"Is that big bit of cake for Margaret?"

"No, it's for you."

"Gosh. What a little piece!"

Two Threes

EACH group starts with clues for two three-letter words. These joined together make a six-letter word to answer the third clue.

- Spoil + modest = boggy.
- Wager + beam = reveal.
- Wander + conjunction = message or journey.
- Tin + performed = frank.
- Child + mesh = poem.

Answer next week

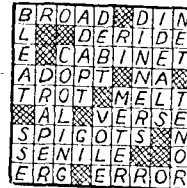
LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Two threes. Begone, sundry, finale, addled, kidnap

Jumble Quiz. Killarney, Kashmir, Khartoum, Kaiser

Drapery Puzzle. Cardigan, Tweed, yarn, reel, pins, jumper

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